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MEMORANDUM FOR : Office of General Counsel

ATTENTION : [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

SUBJECT : Reimbursement for Shipment of Automobile

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1. An [REDACTED] CIA recently returned from a tour of duty in the field. His Letter of Authorization placed him under civilian regulations, and his travel orders authorized him to ship an automobile to his overseas post and back to Headquarters. He did not ship a car to his post, nor did he acquire one while in Europe. He did, however, arrange to have a car delivered to him at the port of New York. He drove the car from New York to Washington, and is now claiming, as part of his travel voucher, ten cents per mile for the New York-Washington portion of the trip.

2. The shipment of a car from overseas post to Headquarters is frequently accomplished in part by having the owner drive the car from post to port of embarkation and from port of entry to Washington. In such instances mileage has been allowed as being less costly to the government than commercial shipment of the vehicle.

3. We are informed that in a recent opinion the General Counsel ruled valid a claim for reimbursement for the shipment from [REDACTED] to Headquarters of an automobile acquired by an employee while en route to Headquarters at the conclusion of a tour of duty in [REDACTED]

4. The Division requests advice on the following questions:

a) Are we correct in our understanding, stated in para. 3 above, that an employee may claim reimbursement for the cost of shipment of an automobile which he did not possess at the beginning of his trip but which he acquires while en route from his overseas post to Headquarters?

b) If the answer to 4a is affirmative, is any distinction to be made between acquisition (of an automobile) abroad and acquisition in the United States?

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c) If the answer to ha is affirmative, is the employee entitled to constructive costs if he has a car shipped to Washington from some point not on the normal direct route between his overseas post and Headquarters? For example, can an employee apply the theoretical cost of shipping a car from his overseas post to Headquarters to the actual cost of shipping the car from Detroit to Washington?

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